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CHARACTERISTICS BY  
DETERMINING ABNORMAL COPY OF  
NUMBER OF EXPRESSION LEVEL OF  
LIPID-ASSOCIATED GENES**

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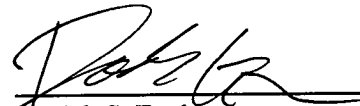
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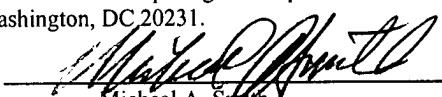
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